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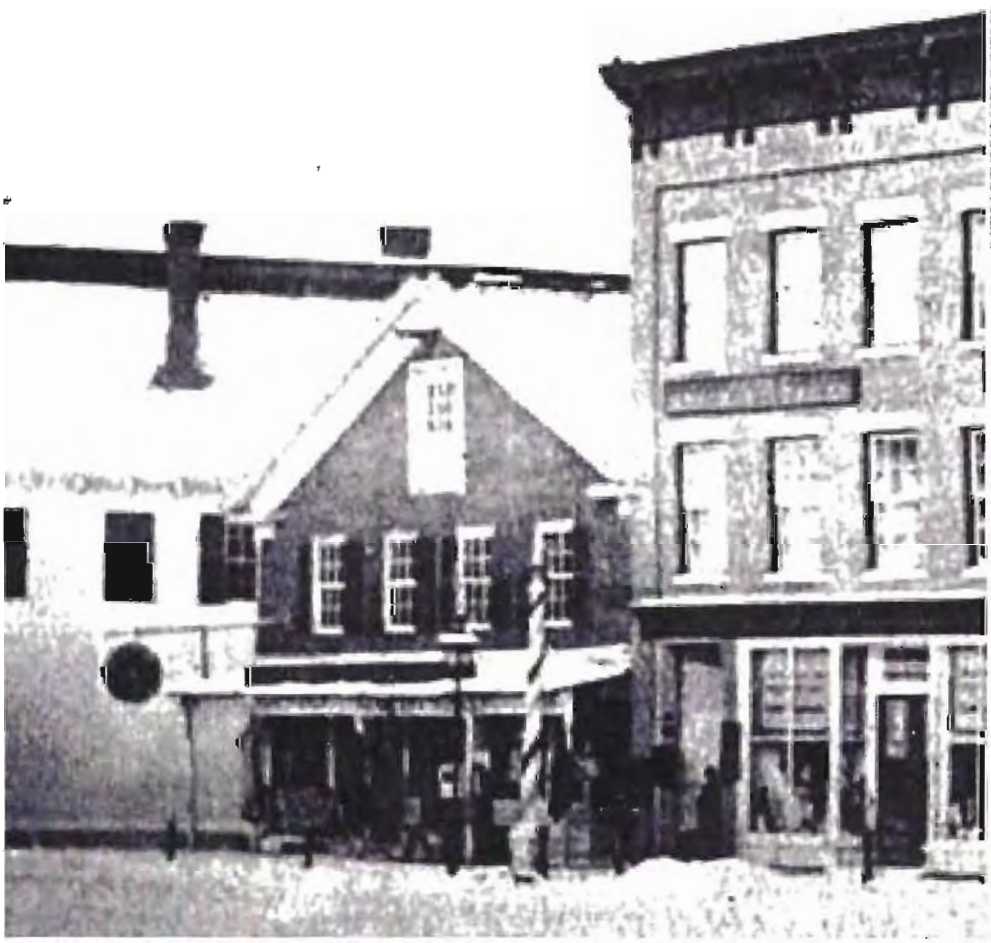
# Rutland Barbers
# (An Updated Version)



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*Note the sizeable barber pole of Prince Denmark's shop on the east side of Merchants Row. This area was burned by an arsonist on 2 July 1868.*

# About the Author

Bill Mazzariello is a Rutland barber who wrote "Registry of Rutland Barbershops (Volume 40 Number 3) in 2010. His passion for updating Rutland's barber history has resulted in this updated version.

# Introduction

Toward the end of the 19th Century barbers in Rutland organized a union. A primary purpose was to have the same prices and working hours and days for all barbers. The union was also to provide a small pension for the barber.

Barbershops that didn't belong to the union met with opposition from union members. If a shop was open for a minute over the required closing time or open a day when all were closed, fighting sometimes followed.

The set hours and charges didn't always sit well with all shops in Rutland. The "Hollywood", a non-union shop, had their prices at 30 cents for a cut while union shops were at 25 cents in 1941.

"The purpose of the union later in the 1940s and beyond was to provide young barbers pensions and benefits upon retiring" said Guido Forte of Rutland. This also set standards for shops at a time when the state regulations were not as stringent as the Vermont standards are today.

When the barbers of the mid-twentieth century approached retirement, the money from dues paid was gone and so was the interest on the dues. A major lawsuit by the members of the Journeymen of Barbers Union of America against the treasurer and others at the national headquarters in Indiana. The lawsuit claimed that 7 million dollars in loans became delinquent in August 1970. Some barbers like Tom Mazzariello, Sr. did get his dues money back but without the interest. Pip Muscatello and others were not as fortunate.

Years following the settlement in 1972, union members from the same union tried to reestablish the barber union in Vermont. This attempt was overwhelmingly denied by the majority. Nowadays the Vermont barber makes his/her own hours and charges vary at different barbershops. They are now on their own to invest as they wish.

**Errata:**

**1. On page 3 which lists the Barber's names and the years they were active there should be an addition after item 3 Mr. Celento with the addition of Joe Muscatello 1957-2019. 62 years**

**2. On page 4, the photo is incorrectly identified. The building was not on the West side of Merchant' s Row, but the North side of Center Street.**

**The caption should read: This photo was taken at the Rutland Centennial Celebration in 1870. It shows the North side of Center Street. On the extreme right is a tall barber shop owned by John. F. Walker.**

**3. On page 5 Mr. Walker's date, item 48, also needs correction. It should read 1870-1911. 41 years.**

**4, On Page 7 Item 77 should be corrected to read Pat Valente 1958-1981. 23 years**

**5. On page 8-the photograph should identify the shoeshine boy as Tony Mazzariello, and Mr. Mazzariello, Sr. should be identified as Tom not Tony**

**6. On page 11 item 164 ,Joseph F. Walker should be eliminated" and replaced by Ray Ciofei 1936. 1 year.**

**7. And finally on page 13 the picture should read Empty chairs at the Berwick Barber Shop in 1932 eliminating the word "Star" and changing the date to 1954.**

**Additional Corrections:**

**Star Barbers was established in 1934**

**Josh Mazzarielo started in 2019**

**Joe and Marty from Pip’s Barbers retired in 2019**

# Rutland City Barbers 1867-2019
## by Bill Mazzariello

282 barbers retired or deceased
11 active making it 293 total
21 shops in 1935 57 barbers in 1935
9 shops in 1986 15 barbers in 1986
6 shops in 2010 11 barbers in 2010
30 beauty shops 2010
These barbers are compiled from the
Rutland business directories.

## Barber's name followed by years that he/she cut hair in Rutland (deceased or retired)

1. Tony Pratico 1924-2000 76 years
2. Pip Muscatello 1927-2000 73 years
3. Joe Celentano 1934-2003 69 years
4. Thomas Mazzariello Jr. 1954-2014 60 years
5. Arthur Bacon 1889-1948 59 years
6. Tony Bizzarro 1924-1983 59 years
7. Michael Toomey 1889-1948 59 years
8. Patrick Carmody 1889-1936,1941-1948 58 years
9. Tony DeBlasio 1940-1998 58 years
10. Frank Mello 1872-1928 56 years
11. Clem Abatiell Jr. 1945-2000 55 years
12. Dom Paolucci 1929-1985 55 years
13. Ray Pratico 1950-2005 55 years
14. Guy Paolucci 1926-1979 53 years
15. Thomas Burke 1911-1968 58 years
16. Thomas Mazzariello Sr. 1924-1974 50 years
17. Guido Rotella 1939-1989 50 years
18. Peter Allard 1886-1935 49 years
19. Nick Flory 1909-1958 49 years
20. Henry Tyl 1933-2004 49 years
21. Joe A. Cioffi 1928-1977 48 years
22. Emmanuel Celentano 1915-1962 47 years
23. Charles Center 1909-1956 47 years
24. Rocco Cioffi 1924-1971 47 years

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*This photo was taken at the Rutland Centennial celebration in 1870. It shows the west side of Merchants Row. The building on the extreme left is the Ripley Music Hall that was decorated for the celebration. On the extreme right is a tall barber pole. It is not known what barber was located there.*

25. John J. Gomez 1880-1927 47 years
26. James Coarse 1932-1977 45 years
27. John Morris 1900-1945 45 years
28. Gene Morrello 1934-1940,1946-1985 45 years
29. Art Crosta 1928-1972 44 years
30. Sam Fucile 1938-1982 44 years
31. Wilfred Guyette 1889-1933 44 years
32. Phil Vallerolli 1937-1980 43 years
33. Harry Smith 1891-1933 42 years
34. Clarence Tyler 1928-1970 42 years
35. Louis Vignoe 1928-1970 42 years
36. Joe Fucci 1911-1951 40 years
37. Nick Genola 1935-1975 40 years
38. R.W. Farrell 1884-1925 41 years
39. Wilson Hack 1930-1969 39 years
40. Bill Medlin 1924-1963 39 years
41. Dan Musetti 1917, 1920-1958 39 years
42. Samuel U. Alexander 1878-1915 37 years
43. John Connors 1900-1937 37 years
44. Charles Burke 1905-1943 38 years
45. Jacob Koltonski 1887-1922 35 years
46. John DeFrancesco 1911-1932 34 years
47. George Launiere 1886-1924 34 years
48. John F. Walker 1874-1911 37 years
49. Charles Johnson 1906-1938 32 years
50. Tony Romeo 1939-1971 32 years
51. Moses Farmer 1880-1908 28 years
52. Art Marotti 1948-1976 28 years
53. Edward Baraby 1884-1910 26 years
54. Tony Cappabianca 1914-1915, 1933-1956 25 years
55. Augustin(George) Goyette 1886- 1890,1894-1898, 1907-1919, 1927-1932 25 years
56. Thomas Halpin 1889-1913 24 years
57. John DeFrancesco 1911-1932 21 years
58. Vito "Frank" Flory 1924-1945 21 years
59. Patrick Keefe 1894-1915 21 years
60. Frank Lalone 1916-1917, 1926-1946 21 years
61. Dominick Ettori 1927-1943, 1965-1969 20 years
62. Louis Sienicki 1956-1974 18 years
63. Pat Patorti 1985-2003 18 years
64. Patrick Hogan 1911-1928 18 years

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*This 1894 photo shows Moses Farmer whose barbershop was located at 13 Evelyn Street next to the Clifford and Miner store.*

65. James Smith 1872-1890 18 years
66. Tony Williams 1919-1921,1932-1946 17 years
67. Hector Goyette 1911-1927 16 years
68. Edward McGinnis 1895-1911 16 years
69. Edwin C. Whiley (1874-1890) 16 years
70. Anthony Loftus 1889-1898, 1903-1906, 1911, 1915 15 years
71. Stan Loomis 1953-1968 15 years
72. Augusto (Frank)Marro 1919,1922-1923,1934-1943,1946-1949 15 years
73. Antonio Bellomo 1924-1938 14 years
74. Isadore Cioffi 1924-1937 14 years
75. George T. Loop 1878-1892 14 years
76. James Taylor 1867-1881 14 years
77. Pat Valente 1967-1981 14 years
78. Tony Cantone 1935-1947 and 1950's 13 + years
79. George Davis 1867-1880 13 years
80. James Foley 1897-1910 13 years
81. Thomas Parent 1928-1941 13 years
82. William Desmaris 1903-1915 12 years
83. Arthur DeVenutta 1923-1935 12 years
84. William Gilman 1902-1914 12 years
85. N.C. Willard 1886-1898 12 years
86. James Curzio 1935-1946 11 years
87. Peter DeFrancesco 1930-1941 11 years
88. Michael Egan 1909-1921 11 years
89. Frank Flory 1924-1935 11 years *
90. Louis Fusco 1938-1949 11 years
91. Dominic Flory 1924-1934 10 years
92. George Henry Frank 1904-1908, 1929-1935 10 years
93. James McIntyre 1897-1906, 1929 10 years
94. Napolean Austin 1881-1890 9 years
95. Fred Bonneau 1933-1942 9 years
96. Charles Cutler 1916-1925 9 years
97. R.D. Davies 1907-1916 9 years
98. Clarence Garron 1922-1933 9 years
99. Arthur Mahan 1887-1896 9 years
100. Daniel Murphy 1891-1900 9 years
101. Arthur Mahan 1887-1896 9 years
102. Ardino Secci 1917, 1920-1928 9 years
103. Alcide Viens 1930-1932,1934-1941 9 years
104. Nick Breattio 1920-1928 8 years

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*The Royal Barbershop was located at 100 West Street. This 1932 photo shows a shoeshine boy sanding on the left and Tony Mazzariello, Sr. standing on the right. The customer is unknown.*

105. J.W. Farmer 1872-1886 8 years
106. John E. Gomez 1915-1923 8 years
107. Percival Hunter 1901-1909 8 years
108. Thomas Mumford 1911-1919 8 years
109. Martin Powers 1925-1933 8 years
110. Albert Sabataso 1934-1942 8 years
111. Joseph Vitello 1936-1944 8 years
112. Charles West 1901-1915 8 years
113. George Ducharme 1901-1904, 1911,1919-1923 8 years
114. Frank Intelisano 1916,1924-1930 7 years
115. Albert Lanzillo 1917-1924 7 years
116. Fred Logan 1889-1896 7 years
117. Donald Medlin 1958-1965 7 years
118. Mike Vignoe 1928-1929, 1937, 1934-1935, 1939-1942, 1944-1946 7 years
119. Pasquale Cappabianca 1914, 1920-1921,1923-1928 7 years
120. Joe B. Cioffi 1927-1933,1937-1938 7 years
121. Allan Mears 1968-1975 7 years
122. Ray Brown 1954-1960 6 years
123. Joe DeFrancesco 1934-1940 6 years
124. Henry Frank 1929-1935 6 years
125. Elzear Goyette 1917-1923 6 years
126. Dominick Iaria 1930-1936 6 years
127. Fred Miglori 1934-1940 6 years
128. Jerry Lisbon 1867-1873 6 years
129. Arthur Williams 1922-1928 6 years
130. Albert Willett 1911-1916, 1926 6 years
131. George Austin 1884-1890 5 years
132. Jerry Fucci 1930-1935 5 years
133. William Best 1914-1918 4 years
134. Noel (Newell) Brothers 1884-1888 4 years
135. Cecil Brown 1934-1938 4 years
136. Peter Cantone Jr. 1920-1924 4 years
137. Patrick Cummings 1924-1927, 1929 4 years
138. Frank Loomis 1913-1916, 1919 4 years
139. Louis Minor 1876-1880 4 years
140. Frank D. Murray 1911-1915 4 years
141. Rene Perrin 1953-1957 4 years
142. Ernie Zullo 1962-1966 4 years
143. Joseph Allard Jr. 1887-1890 3 years
144. Albert Altobell 1934-1937 3 years

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*Barber Clem Abatiell at the Service Building in 1982.*

145. William Beck 1937-1940 3 years
146. Pat Cantone 1922-1925 3 years
147. Phil Dashner 1923,1934-1936 3 years
148. Andrew Dunbar 2015-2018 3 years
149. Frederick Franklyn 1919-1922 3 years
150. Frank Handley 1916-1919 3 years
151. Welford Handley 1916-1919 3 years
152. Theodore Jeffes 1915-1917, 1920-1922 3 years
153. William Johnson 1886-1890 3 years
154. Pat Mazzariello 1950-1952, 1955 3 years
155. Arthur McGinnis 1895-1898 3 years
156. Arthur McLane 1884-1887 3 years
157. Louis A. Miner 1878-1881 3 years
158. Ralph Muscatello 1958-1961 3 years
159. Pietro Penesedi 1927-1930 3 years
160.Bernard "Red" Poremski 1940-1943 3 years
161. Kenneth Raynes 1957-1960 3 years
162. Frank Rielle 1909-1910,1913-1914, 1917 3 years
163. James Saecci 1925-1928 3 years
164. Joseph F. Walker 1872-1875 3 years
165. Henry Williams 1874-1877 3 years
166. Antonio Blanche 1925-1927 2 years
167. Edward Bonville 1920-1922 2 years
168. George Booth 1963, 1968 2 years
169. Eugene Cioffi 1934, 1937 2 years
170. William H. Daniels 1909-1911 2 years
171. Micheal Doyle 1894-1896 2 years
172. George Johnson 1884-1886 2 years
173. Bert Landers 1911-1913 2 years
174. Frank Lezer 1886-1888 2 years
175. John Loudon 1899-1900, 1909 2 years
176. William MacDonald 1913-1915 2 years
177. John Marro 1940, 1947 2 years
178. Eugene Martineau 1899, 1905 2 years
179. Robert O'Hara 1929-1931 2 years
180. Marshall Prouty 1948-1950 2 years
181. Nick Romano 1913-1914, 1919 2 years
182. William Rowe 1930-1932 2 years
183. Samuel M. Tucker 1905-1906, 1914 2 years
184. Dominic Williams 1919,1922-1923 2 years
185. Jacob Woods 1927, 1929 2 years

186. Peter Abatiello 1949+, (Florida) 1 year
187. E.C. Albee 1888-1889 1 year
188. Louis Altobelle 1915 1 year
189. Victor Altobel 1929 1 year
190. Benjamin Altier 1905-1906 1 year
191. William Allen 1899-1900 1 year
192. Joseph Amico 1909-1910 1 year
193. George Bailey 1930 1 year
194. A.G. Baisner 1899-1900 1 year
195. William G. Baisner 1899-1900 1 year
196. Louis Bartlett 1919 1 year
197. Linus Bean 1929 1 year
198. George Bernerd 1905-1906 1 year
199. Louis Bernardo 1917 1 year
200. Antonio Bianco 1921 1 year
201. Frank Blanch 1928-1929 1 year
202. William Brooks 1867 1 year
203. Louis Brown 1881 1 year
204. Dominick Carey 1929 1 year
205. Eugene Chartrand 1954 1 year
206. Irving Colburn 1911 1 year
207. Prince Denmark 1867 1 year
208. Amidois Desmaris 1910 1 year
209. Gilbert Daoust 1926-1927 1 year
210. John Dilorenzo 1913-1914 1 year
211. Rufus Doolan 1915-1916 1 year
212. James Dunn 1867 1 year
213. Bruno Duszkiewicz 1917 1 year
214. George Fitch 1928 1 year
215. Frank E. Foti 1927 1 year
216. Henry Francis 1878-1879 1 year
217. George Freeman 1867 1 year
218. Arthur Gauthier 1880-1881 1 year
219. Dustin Garron 1900 1 year
220. Albert Goodard 1905 1 year
221. Henry Goola or Gooler 1880-1881 1 year
222. Joseph A. Gibeau 1886-1887 1 year
223. Joseph E. Gibson 1884-1885 1 year
224. John Gilliard 1884-1885 1 year
225. R.H. Gipson 1867 1 year
226. Noel Goyette 1909-1910 1 year

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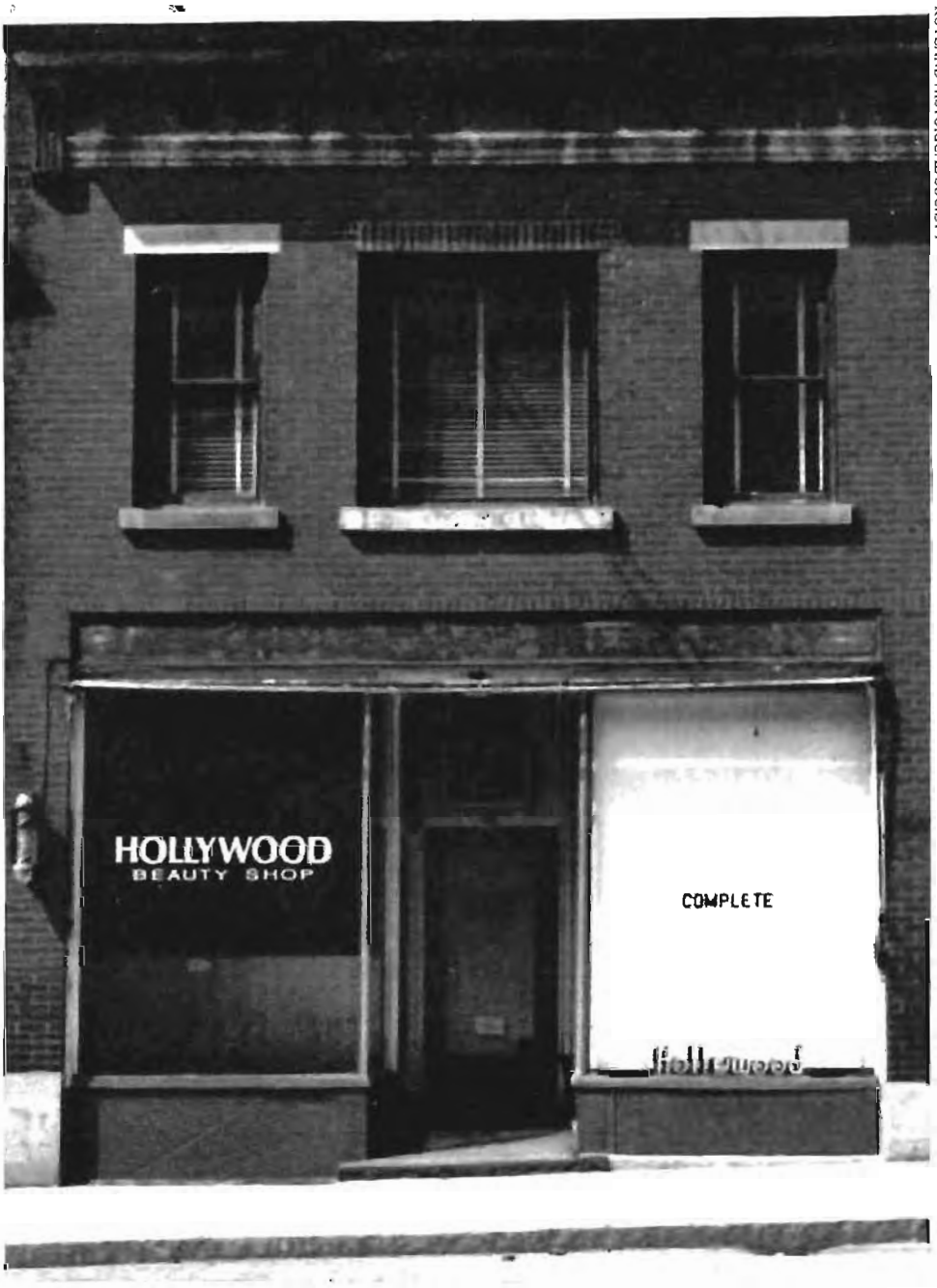
*Empty chairs at the Berwick Star Barber Shop in 1982.*

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*The Hollywood Beauty Shop was located on the west side of Merchants Row just north of the Marble Bank. The shop closed in the 1990s and was torn down.*